



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

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DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

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Mr. Jack P. Palmer
1509 Alta Vista Drive
Alvin, TX 77511-3101

Re: Individual Ability to Pay Claim of Past and Future Costs at the Gulfco Marine
Maintenance Superfund Site in Freeport, Texas

Dear Mr. Palmer:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your response to the information request, as well as your Individual Ability to Pay Claim on August 16, 2004. We appreciate you and your wife taking the time to complete the forms.

In order for us to determine your ability to pay, the EPA does need copies of your past five income tax returns. The burden of proving a claim of inability to pay is placed on you. We understand you do not have copies of your tax returns. If someone else prepared your taxes for you, it is possible the individual or company may have a copy of your past tax documents. You may also want to consider requesting copies of your tax returns directly from the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) by completing Form 4506-T and sending it to the IRS. I have enclosed this form. If you have questions about obtaining past tax returns, please contact your local IRS office.

Other financial documents may be used to substantiate your claim of inability to pay. Some examples of these documents are financial statements, financing statements, copies of applications for a mortgage or other loans, or copies of your bank statements.

If you have questions regarding your Ability to Pay Claim, please contact me at 214.665.8008.

Sincerely,

Courtney Kudla
Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site
Enforcement Officer



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A Change To Note

• **New Form 4506-T.** Request for Transcript of Tax Return, is used to request tax return transcripts, tax account transcripts, W-2 information, 1099 information, verification of non-filing, and a record of account. **Form 4506,** Request for Copy of Tax Return, is now used only to request copies of tax returns.

Instructions

Purpose of form. Use Form 4506-T to request tax return information. You can also designate a third party to receive the information. See line 5.

Where to file. Mail or fax Form 4506-T to the address below for the state you lived in when that return was filed. There are two address charts: one for individual transcripts (Form 1040 series) and one for all other transcripts.

Note: If you are requesting more than one transcript or other product and the chart below shows two different service centers, mail your request to the service center based on the address of your most recent return.

Chart for individual transcripts (Form 1040 series)

| If you lived in and filed an individual return: | Mail or fax to the Internal Revenue Service at: |
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| Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont | RAIVS Team 310 Lowell St. Stop 679 Andover, MA 01810 978-691-6859 |
| Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Rhode Island | RAIVS Team 4800 Buford Hwy. Stop 91 Chamblee, GA 30341 678-530-5326 |
| Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas | RAIVS Team 3651 South Interregional Hwy. Stop 6716 Austin, TX 78741 512-460-2272 |
| Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming | RAIVS Team Stop 38101 Fresno, CA 93888 559-253-4992 |
| Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin | RAIVS Team Stop B41-6700 Kansas City, MO 64999 816-823-7667 |
| Ohio, Virginia | RAIVS Team 5333 Getwell Rd. Stop 2826 Memphis, TN 38118 901-546-4175 |

Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, a foreign country, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address
RAIVS Team
DP SE 135
Philadelphia, PA 19255-0695

215-516-2931

Chart for all other transcripts

| If you lived in: | Mail to the Internal Revenue Service at: |
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| Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming | RAIVS Team Mail Stop 6734 Ogden, UT 84201 801-620-6922 |
| Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin | RAIVS Team P.O. Box 145500 Stop 2800F Cincinnati, OH 45250 859-669-3592 |

Line 1b. Enter your employer identification number if your request relates to a business return. Otherwise, enter the first social security number (SSN) shown on the return. For example, if you are requesting Form 1040 that includes Schedule C (Form 1040), enter your SSN.

Signature and date. Form 4506-T must be signed and dated by the taxpayer listed on line 1a or 2a. If you completed line 5 requesting the information be sent to a third party, the IRS must receive Form 4506-T within 60 days of the date signed by the taxpayer or it will be rejected.

Individuals. Transcripts of jointly filed tax returns may be furnished to either spouse. Only one signature is required. Sign Form 4506-T exactly as your name appeared on the original return. If you changed your name, also sign your current name.

Corporations. Generally, Form 4506-T can be signed by: (1) an officer having legal authority to bind the corporation, (2) any person designated by the board of directors or other governing body, or (3) any officer or employee on written request by any principal officer and attested to by the secretary or other officer.

Partnerships. Generally, Form 4506-T can be signed by any person who was a member of the partnership during any part of the tax period requested on line 7.

All others. See section 6103(e) if the taxpayer has died, is insolvent, is a dissolved corporation, or if a trustee, guardian, executor, receiver, or administrator is acting for the taxpayer.

Documentation. For entities other than individuals, you must attach the authorization document. For example, this could be the letter from the principal officer authorizing an employee of the corporation or the Letters Testamentary authorizing an individual to act for an estate.

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.

We ask for the information on this form to establish your right to gain access to the requested tax information under the Internal Revenue Code. We need this information to properly identify the tax information and respond to your request. Sections 6103 and 6109 require you to provide this information, including your SSN or EIN. If you do not provide this information, we may not be able to process your request. Providing false or fraudulent information may subject you to penalties.

Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and cities, states, and the District of Columbia for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to Federal and state agencies to enforce Federal nontax criminal laws and to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file Form 4506-T will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: **Learning about the law or the form,** 10 min.; **Preparing the form,** 11 min.; and **Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS,** 20 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Form 4506-T simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Tax Products Coordinating Committee, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001. **Do not** send the form to this address. Instead, see **Where to file** on this page.



Request for Transcript of Tax Return

- ▶ Do not sign this form unless all applicable parts have been completed.
Read the instructions on page 2.
- ▶ Request may be rejected if the form is incomplete, illegible, or any required part was blank at the time of signature.

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TIP: Use new Form 4506-T to order a transcript or other return information free of charge. See the product list below. You can also call 1-800-829-1040 to order a transcript. If you need a copy of your return, use **Form 4506**, Request for Copy of Tax Return. There is a fee to get a copy of your return.

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| 1a Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first. | 1b First social security number on tax return or employer identification number (see instructions) |
| 2a If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return | 2b Second social security number if joint tax return <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> |
| 3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code | |
| 4 Address, (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 | |
| 5 If the transcript or tax information is to be mailed to a third party (such as a mortgage company), enter the third party's name, address, and telephone number. The IRS has no control over what the third party does with the tax information. | |

CAUTION: Lines 6 and 7 must be completed if the third party requires you to complete Form 4506-T. **Do not** sign Form 4506-T if the third party requests that you sign Form 4506-T and lines 6 and 7 are blank.

- 6 Product requested.** Most requests will be processed within 10 business days. If the product requested relates to information from a return filed more than 4 years ago, it may take up to 30 days. Enter the return number here and check the box below. ▶ _____
- a Return Transcript**, which includes most of the line items of a tax return as filed with the IRS. Transcripts are generally available for the following returns: Form 1040 series, Form 1065, Form 1120, Form 1120A, Form 1120H, Form 1120L, and Form 1120S. Return transcripts are available for the current year and returns processed during the prior 3 processing years ☐
 - b Account Transcript**, which contains information on the financial status of the account, such as payments made on the account, penalty assessments, and adjustments made by you or the IRS after the return was filed. Return information is limited to items such as tax liability and estimated tax payments. Account transcripts are available for most returns ☐
 - c Record of Account**, which is a combination of line item information and later adjustments to the account. Available for current year and 3 prior tax years ☐
 - d Verification of Nonfiling**, which is proof from the IRS that you did not file a return for the year ☐
 - e Form W-2, Form 1099 series, Form 1098 series, or Form 5498 series transcript.** The IRS can provide a transcript that includes data from these information returns. State or local information is not included with the Form W-2 information. The IRS may be able to provide this transcript information for up to 10 years. Information for the current year is generally not available until the year after it is filed with the IRS. For example, W-2 information for 2003, filed in 2004, will not be available from the IRS until 2005. If you need W-2 information for retirement purposes, you should contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 ☐

CAUTION: If you need a copy of Form W-2 or Form 1099, you should first contact the payer. To get a copy of the Form W-2 or Form 1099 filed with your return, you must use Form 4506 and request a copy of your return, which includes all attachments.

- 7 Year or period requested.** Enter the ending date of the year or period, using the mm/dd/yyyy format. If you are requesting more than four years or periods, you must attach another Form 4506-T.

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Signature of taxpayer(s). I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax information requested. If the request applies to a joint return, **either** husband or wife must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506-T on behalf of the taxpayer.

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| Sign Here | Signature (see instructions) | Date | Telephone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a () - - - |
| | Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust) | | |
| | Spouse's signature | Date | |